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### ON THE COVER

The Red Bluff, California encounter took place about 11 p.m., on the night of August 13, 1960. California Highway Patrol officers Carson and Scott were driving east on a back road south of Red Bluff, when suddenly they sighted what they thought was an airplane about to crash. They stopped their cruiser and jumped out. They were shocked to see a metallic-looking object hovering motionless above and in front of them.

The strange object started silently moving toward them until as Carson said later: "It was within easy pistol range." They both took their pistols out, and were ready to fire, when the UFO "just stopped," they both said.

The unknown object had huge bright lights that kept sweeping the area. Carson stated that one light was about six feet in diameter. There were smaller lights also on the object. After about five minutes of hovering only 100 feet away from them, the object started moving eastward and away from their position. They then contacted the Tehama County Sheriff's Office, which handled their night-dispatch calls, and asked for back-up and for a check with Red Bluff Air Force Radar Station.

The Air Force Radar Unit at the Air Force Base confirmed that they were tracking an unknown object moving in the direction that Carson and Scott stated. The next day the Air Force denied the incident, saying that no such radar sighting had ever been made.

The northern California area where the encounter took place was the scene of numerous sightings throughout the late summer of 1960 and into the early spring of 1961. Source: The files of Allan J. Manak.

### UFO BITS AND PIECES

by Allan J. Manak

**UFO'S EXPLODE OVER AFRICA:** Officials in the self-declared republic of Somaliland asked the international community to help them unravel the mystery behind two explosions from unidentified flying objects seen over the Gulf of Aden state on December 5 and 7. "A few days after the explosions, inhabitants came down with various ailments such as coughing, diarrhea, breathing difficulties and headaches," a government minister told a Reuters reporter. Children were the worst affected, and several died. Animals were seen "running wild and uncontrolled" after the blasts, with some tearing at trees. The low-flying objects were observed by many as they exploded, causing windows to shatter. No debris from the explosion has been discovered on the ground. Source: The Cleveland Plain Dealer, February 4, 1996.

**COMPELLING EVIDENCE:** It was reported on the computer network on October 28, 1995, that two compelling pieces of evidence were shown at the Dialog With the Universe Conference in Dusseldorf.

The first was a videotape of Astronaut Gordon Cooper saying that he knew for a fact that a UFO landed at an airbase where he was stationed,

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was filmed landing, and he had been the person who had sent the film and documents to Washington, D.C. If true, this is one piece of filmed evidence that the U.S. government could easily produce for public disclosure. Sufficient time has lapsed for automatic security classification down-grading.

The second was a film shown by Mr. Bongiovanni, the Italian stigmatic, which shows a crashed disc UFO on a 40 foot military flatbed truck. It also shows a big banner, then shows something (perhaps the propulsion system) being hoisted by chains. It was claimed that the film had come from Wright Patterson AFB and shows a crashed UFO recovered in 1947. If, true, this film could be a bigger bombshell than the Santilli films.

This material, when considered along with the hundreds, perhaps thousands, of gun camera films of UFOs taken by military pilots during and since WWII, is a part of a vast and growing reservoir of UFO information that should be made public. Source: UFO Potpourri, December, 1995.

**NEW BOOK CATALOG:** Published by SS&S Publications on UFO and related subjects. Write to: Gene Duplantier, 17 Shetland Street, Willowdale, Ontario, M2M-1X5 Canada. Please send \$1.00 postage and handling. Prompt attention given all orders.

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From Here to Infinity videocassette: \$14, plus \$3.50 shipping.  
Source: Astronomy Magazine, March, 1996.

**UFO's OVER THE NORTHWEST TERRITORIES:** A mystery of paranormal proportions has the Northwest Territories town of Fort Resolution in a kind of trance.

Every evening since Jan. 4, townsfolk have stepped outside and looked up, hoping to catch another glimpse of a trio of pulsating, multicolored lights dancing across the cold night sky.

They have rarely been disappointed.

"We're seeing exactly the same object every single night .. between about 5 o'clock and 8 o'clock. Then it completely disappears," Mayor Euan Hunter says.

"It's quite calming actually, especially when all the colors come out from underneath it."

The unidentified flying object so intrigued a colonel in the Canadian Armed Forces that he and two staff members hopped into a Twin Otter plane and flew out for a look-see.

"A few of our Canadian Rangers (Dene and Inuit who serve in a reserve force) had seen it. And the mayor." And the RCMP.

But wouldn't you know it, Gray says - by the time Col. Pierre Leblanc got to Fort Resolution the skies had clouded over and he had to leave without seeing anything.

"This is the biggest story since I got up here last summer. UFO sightings or paranormal phenomena are not something that Canada's military deals in very often," says Gray.

Leblanc will file a report with the Defence Operation Centre in Ottawa,

which deals with about 30 or 40 UFO reports a year.

But though the military's official role may be concluded, the Fort Resolution UFO is still the talk of the base.

Hunter says the object has red, green and blue lights with a constant white light in the centre. It moves straight west, and then down, before vanishing.

It's not a star, not a planet, not the northern lights, he says: "I just cannot explain it.

"The first few days (of sightings) I was pretty skeptical, until I saw it ... It blew my socks off." Source: Delve Report, January, 1996.

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**NEW PLANETS COULD SUPPORT LIFE:** Astronomers said yesterday they had discovered two new planets whose environments might be able to support life.

The giant planets, 35 light-years from Earth, are thought to have surface conditions that would allow the formation of water - a key to developing living organisms.

"Life is now possible. There is a harbor, a site, on which life might form," Geoffrey Marcy, the San Francisco State University astrophysicist who made the discovery, said. Marcy, with fellow researcher Paul Butler, discovered the new planets in the Virgo and Ursa Major constellations. Both are bigger than Jupiter and visible to the naked eye. Source: Delve Report, January 1996.

**UFO CONFERENCE:** ICAAR, International Center For Aerial & Abduction Research is pleased to announce the First Annual Great Plains UFO Conference on July 27 & 28, 1996 at the Howard Johnson's Convention Center, Sioux Falls, South Dakota. Twelve noted speakers, including Paul Davids, Budd Hopkins, Dr. John Mack, Derrel Sims and John Anthony West will be featured. Write ICAAR, PO Box 154, Goffstown, NH 03045.

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**UFO RETROSPECTIVE**  
by Allan J. Manak



**THE AURORA, TEXAS "MARTIAN"**

On April 17, 1897 a UFO allegedly crashed in Aurora, Texas. The unknown object had a being on board that died as a result of the mishap, so many have claimed throughout the years since. A Mr. S.E. Hayden told his story to the Dallas Morning News, which stated that about 6 a.m., a huge silvery-colored, cigar-shaped craft appeared over the southern sky. The unknown craft had two engines, one on each side of the object, each engine having a propeller. The unknown object also had a propeller on top. This is the description given by several witnesses at the time, according to the above mentioned news account.

It was estimated that the object was 200 feet long and 50 feet wide. There were windows along the bottom and a headlight in the nose.

The Aurora airship was piloted by a "martian" said Hayden. He said the object came in low over the Aurora town square, and zoomed north above Judge Proctor's house, which was located on a hill, struck the judge's windmill and exploded. Debris was scattered all over the judge's farm. When the people of Aurora rushed to the site of the crash, they found the badly disfigured body of the pilot. A Mr. Weems a U.S. Signal Corps Service Officer said that the pilot "came from the planet Mars."

The story goes on to say that papers were found among the wreckage, but the writing could not be deciphered. According to Hayden, the local people cleaned up the wreckage and gave the pilot a Christian burial at the Aurora cemetery. Source: The files of Allan J. Manak.

## **AROUND AND ABOUT THE SAUCER WORLD**

by Rick R. Hilberg

### **GLOWING OBJECT OVER RENO, NEVADA**

A glowing flying object was seen over the downtown Reno area several residents told police on February 13th.

Some said the object was black and glowed as if it had a halo around it or was flying inside of a bubble. At least four people stood for about an hour gazing into the sky near the Gold Dust Casino.

Control tower workers at Reno/Tahoe International Airport said radar showed no unexplained objects during the period of the reports, 5:30 - 6:30 p.m., police said.

Charles Gilliam of Reno said he saw the object looking south from Second and Keystone. It appeared to be about 1,500 feet above the horizon before it moved upward and traveled west.

"It hovered in the same spot for about a half-hour and then it juttet up and down and across the sky," he said.

First Interstate Bank released balloons in the area just before the first person called in the strange object to police. But Jason Ruiz, of Reno, said what he saw was not balloons.

"It was black and it looked like it had a force field around it," he said. "We didn't see any planes for a half-hour and it wasn't a helicopter." Source: Reno, Nevada Gazette Journal, February 16, 1996.

### **SAMPLER OF 1995 CANADIAN CASES**

Pictou, N.S., February: A round object, brighter than the stars, grew bigger, separated into three smaller objects, then recombined into one piece.

Moose Jaw, April 10: Four copper-colored, cigar-shaped objects appeared for 10 seconds, changed positions, then disappeared.

Stittsville, Ont., July 11: A triangle with several lights hovered noiselessly for about three minutes before taking off.

Ottawa, July 12: Two separate reports of a star-like object that appeared at 11:30 p.m., then suddenly vanished. One report says it zig-zagged sharply.

Red Deer, Alta., July 15: A man and woman saw an object with a reddish glow speed along in a straight line for up to three minutes. Though it had flapping wings, they were convinced it was not a bird or a plane.

Casselman, Ont., Nov. 20: A young man, driving just before dawn, saw a fuzzy object with white lights flying at treetop level. The lights did not illuminate the ground.

Scarborough, Ont., December: A man saw a flash in the sky, then the power went out for two seconds. He called Ontario Hydro, which reported



no problems with equipment.

Metagami, Que., Dec. 5: A pilot saw a bright light and explosion, then falling debris. Two other aircraft also saw the light.

Whistler, B.C., Dec. 12: A man and two friends saw a round object with flashing lights hover above Blackcomb Mountain. The investigating RCMP officer apparently also saw it.

Ferryland, Nfld., Dec. 15: a white object with green edges, about the size of a pickup truck, was spotted falling from the sky.

Source: Regina, Saskatchewan Leader-Post, December 30, 1995.

#### RESEARCHERS CLAIM ISRAEL IS UFO "HOT SPOT"

Daniel Brynberg filed the following feature from Jerusalem on March 31st:

On Sunday, Jan. 8, 1995, Herzl Ksantini was relaxing at home with a buddy in a small farming community in central Israel. "It was an ordinary evening on our moshav [village]," he says, "until suddenly, at 9 p.m., the house began to shake. It was like an earth tremor."

Ksantini opened the front door to investigate and came face-to-face with a three-meter monster." His friend tried to peek out through a window in the kids' bedroom, but was thrown to the ground. Half a minute later, the "monster" was gone.

The 42-year-old Ksantini, married and a successful businessman, speaks calmly and convincingly of a "mud-colored monster, with long legs and no arms," and recalls lights shining from its head. He makes no claim that it was extraterrestrial. "All I know is that it was too big to be a man," he told the Jerusalem Report on the anniversary of his encounter, and it wasn't a horse, camel, or any other known animal."

Ksantini and his friend sat frozen with fear for 20 minutes. They then called the moshav security head, who in turn phoned the Border Police. By early the next morning about 30 officers were scouring the area. They found no aliens - but did find "deep footprints" which were tracked for some 8 kilometers. While skeptics claimed these were camel tracks, Israel's small but enthusiastic UFO community swooped down on the sleepy moshav of Yatztitz and proclaimed it the site of the latest visitation.

Over the last decade, hundreds of Israelis claim to have had close encounters with alien beings. Their experiences range from mere sightings of UFOs or their "crop circle" landing sites, to actual communication - with several claimed abductions.

American-born Beit Shemesh resident Barry Chamish, a self-professed ufologist, says "Israel is recognized as an international UFO hot spot - with an unsurpassed quantity and quality of evidence."

In January 1995, a crew from Paramount TV's "Sightings" program came to Israel to film an episode - and ended up with enough material for three, two of which have aired to a global audience estimated at 60 million. Ufologists are at a loss to explain the lack of sightings in Israel's near neighbors - it is as if the aliens, unlike most earthlings, are aware of Israel's borders.

One explanation offered is the Divine. Israeli ufology divides into the majority rationalist and minority mystic camps. The mystics have no doubt as to the reason for the prevalence of sightings in the Holy Land: The angels of the Bible are returning. Mystics have constructed elaborate theories based on biblical and cabalistic texts to support their contention that the "miracles" of the Bible - such as the pillars of cloud and fire that guided the Israelites through the wilderness are actually descriptions of alien encounters.

Most recently, ufologist Hadassah Arbel has proffered a theory linking

Kadimah, a moshav in central Israel where a number of encounters have been reported, with Kedmah, a biblical word for eastward, associated with the coming of the messiah. Rationalists counter by pointing out that, with minimal effort, almost any biblical passage can be interpreted as an encounter narrative.

Nachman Ben-Yehuda, associate professor of sociology at the Hebrew University, first looked at the UFO phenomenon when studying in the United States. He explains the recent spate of sightings as manifestations of "diminishing security tensions." Accordingly, he sees Israel becoming "more and more like West Europe and America, witnessing more science fiction, more cults. People are becoming more aware of themselves and their experiences."

Not all the action has been in the last decade: Claims of Israeli UFO sightings date back to the 1950s. Avi Greif, head of the Israel Center for UFO Research, says that "considering the size of the country, the number of encounters, particularly of the second and third kind, is remarkable."

World attention has been sharply focused on Israel by a recent flurry of extraterrestrial activity.

The most recent was Ksantini's "monster." Before that, between March and June 1993, five women claim to have had one-on-one encounters with aliens in Kadimah - and each has furnished similar descriptions of a "2.5 meter (7-foot) tall, bald, gray alien being, with an oval-shaped face, glittering eyes and a small dotlike nose."

All five Kadimah incidents were marked by "crop circles," taken to indicate spacecraft landings, in back gardens.

The other encounter occurred in September 1976, when a series of sightings, over Haifa's Shikmonah beach, culminated in a spectacular explosion that scorched the sand in the shape of a spaceship.

Tens of thousands of residents came to see the unique "alien signature." Avi Greif says the site was unusually magnetic and contained high concentrations of zinc.

Other local encounters of note include the Nov. 6, 1991, "visitation of a giant" to the home of Beit She'an police officer Yitzhak Mordechai, which resulted in a six-hour chase involving 300 soldiers in jeeps all the way to the Jordanian border.

The being is said to have stopped at the border fence, and disappeared.

On the night of Jan. 24, 1992, a UFO was sighted along the length of the country, from the Galilee to Eilat, triggering hundreds of calls.

Tel Aviv University astronomer Elia Leibositz is skeptical about the new rash of sightings. "I'm sure they see something," he says. "The question is the meaning people give to what they see."

Nachman Ben-Yehuda warns that "Ufology is simply plagued with fraudulent reports, forgeries, unreliable witnesses - you have to shed a lot of rubbish to get even a kernel of evidence. But he recognizes that "you don't have to be a crackpot to believe in UFOs." He points to DNA code-cracker and Nobel Laureate Francis Crick's last book, "Life Itself," which argues that DNA was brought to earth by a rocket from another world.

Indeed, there is a growing academic respectability being given to UFO studies.

And the U.S. government is now conducting the biggest-ever search for extraterrestrial life through the 5-year-old global META (Megachannel Extraterrestrial Assay) program, simultaneously scanning over 1 million frequencies for any signs of intelligent communications - so far with no results. Source: Cleveland, Ohio Plain Dealer March 31, 1996.